

# Changes to GCSE Drama

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# What are the elements of GCSE Drama?

- Unit 1 & 2: Devising Drama
- Unit 3: Presenting & Performing Texts (Performance Exam)
- Unit 4: Performance & Response (Written Exam)

# What are the changes?

## Units 1 & 2: Devising Drama

- Previously all work had to be done in groups. Now students can work alone and produce a monologue but can also stay in groups
- Previously the work produces needed to last between 5 – 15 minutes. Now the minimum time is 1 1/2 minutes for a monologue or 2 minutes for a group – but the advice is to try and make it near the normal time
- Whilst working as a group you can each perform a monologue
- Your portfolio can be used to explain how your initial plans changed because of new rules; it can also explain how the shorter performance would have been expanded into a normal length performance

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## Unit 3: Presenting & Performing Texts (Performance Exam)

- You had to do 2 performances. Now it is just 1 performance only
- You used to perform in front of an examiner. Now you will record your performance to video and it will be sent off but the examiner will still mark it
- You may record your performance as many times as you wish
- The normal times were 2 – 3 minutes (monologue) & 5 – 10 minutes (group). Now the minimum time 1 1/2 minutes for a monologue, or 2 minutes for a group
- You still have to perform to an audience but that can be the rest of the class only
- You must still complete your pro-forma. Now you can explain if necessary how a second performance would have developed your characterisation

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## Unit 4: Performance & Response (Written Exam)

- Section a) Set Text (Find Me) – no changes
- Section b) Live theatre. You can now write about a streamed performance you have watched online
- Otherwise no changes to time.
- Any changes to date will be decided by the Government.